

The Chieftain

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The Downing Convention has not been heard from as we go to press, but will no doubt nominate candidates for principal and assistant chief at Tablequah today. Instead of holding the convention out at Hatchet Springs in the hills northwest of Tablequah it has been decided to hold the convention at the town of Tablequah. There are at least ten candidates ready to accept the nomination if tendered them. It is said T. M. Buffington and W. J. Rogers are in the lead and the nomination will most likely go to one of them.

Vinita can do things too.

Mr. Zevely of Missouri has resigned the position of acting Indian Inspector.

The people of Vinita are anxious to vote on that water-works proposition.

Go to the court house tonight and hear the report of the railroad committee.

The fifty thousand dollar bonus for the Vinita and Alva railroad will be on hand when needed.

The number of filings at the land office at Tablequah for the first month ending Saturday was 1,593.

The Denison Herald makes the rather remarkable statement that schools are the great educators and civilizers.

The Monitor Arkansas has gone down the Mississippi on the rise and there is nearly enough water to float the Oregon.

There is a fair prospect that the Augus Stables will get a thorough scouring. Secretary Hitchcock's recent visit has already begun to bear fruit.

The committee appointed to raise the \$50,000 will report to a mass meeting at the court house this evening. It promises to be a warm gathering.

No town in the Indian Territory or probably in the whole southwest is in so good shape financially as Vinita. It is a loaning instead of a borrowing town.

Muskogee is very proud of the feat of raising \$70,000 in single day for a railroad bonus, and well she may be; the public spirit of that city is worthy of emulation.

Vinita people who own vacant lots can do the town a great service by turning loose a few of them at a reasonable price to people who want to build homes on them.

The term of office of the principal chief will be only two years instead of four as formerly. The patronage at the disposal of the chief of the Cherokee Nation is insignificant compared with what it used to be.

A very proper thing for our board of trade to do is to get in communication with the officials of the Missouri Pacific and Santa Fe railroads and inform them that if inclined to build any lines in this direction Vinita is prepared to do the fair thing by them.

If there is any one thing more than another the Dawes Commission is entitled to it is plenty of time to complete its arduous labors. The idea of trying to hurry this body of strenuous gentlemen is preposterous. Give them time—plenty of time.

The great flood at Kansas City and Topeka has spent its force and is now subsiding. A great many people lost their lives and millions of dollars of property were swept away by the raging waters. It will go down in history as one of the great disasters.

The discussion with reference to the sale of the parks that has been going on for the last month is about to crystallize into sentiment favoring their sale, and using the money thus derived for building a substantial system of water works for the city.

According to the news of today from the flooded district at Kansas City, there are many thousands of destitute and homeless people. The Union station at Kansas City was seven feet deep in water last night and any amount of baggage ruined.

The advancing values that come to Vinita property owners will in large measure be due to the public spirit shown at this time. It will take some liberality on the part of those able to give to the railroad bonus, but we must have the road to the north-west.

Tomorrow the Downing party in the Cherokee Nation will nominate a candidate for the last chief of the tribe, and so far as known the same method of selection will be used as was when the first one was chosen, however far back in antiquity that time may have been.

H. Jennings editor of the Claremore Messenger and U.S. Commissioner on the side, says the Indian Territory is not ready for statehood. Take Jennings's Commission away from him and put him in the ranks and he will cry lustily for tangible government. No he don't want anything much but to be let alone.

The Muskogee Phoenix enters into a labored defense of the Dawes Commission, the Indian Office, the courts and pretty much everything connected with the government in the territory. The necessity of this will perhaps develop later. Mr. Hitchcock's visit to the Territory was evidently not in vain.

Again tomorrow, in the revolution of the seasons, the people throughout our nation are called to decorate the graves of their soldier dead, both the blue and the gray. It is appropriate that we should commemorate the services of our soldiers in this way. We are one great nation and indissoluble in the bonds of a brotherhood.

Chief Buffington should be nominated to succeed himself as chief of the Cherokee nation by the Downing convention next week, there is some satisfaction in the fact that his friends will not be compelled to go before the Cherokee people and apologize for nigger steals or any other sort of steals. This much cannot be said of all who aspire to the last chief of the Cherokees.

There is a good deal of rot being written these days about the "passing of the Indians." The Indian is doing very well and his "passing" is like those of every other race of people "only this way once." The average Indian in the Indian territory is philosopher enough to take care of himself and to "pass" when the time comes.

The Tablequah Arrow last week printed a cartoon that was immensely successful. Vinita is represented as an Indian in tears over the loss of the land office and Tablequah as another Indian wearing a broad smile on account of having secured the office. Muskogee in the distance is represented by a great wind mill. The G. O. P. elephant is standing on his head in glee while the democratic donkey is looking solemn.

There is a condition in Vinita that the Chieftain regrets exceedingly to mention and have it go out. But it is so patent and so palpable that it ought to be agitated that it may be overcome and changed for the better. There are people in our town who have come here to stay, have the cash to purchase property and many of them are able to go into business. But there is no property for sale. A decent resident lot in Vinita is a hard thing to purchase, they are here in plenty but not for sale. A store room or an of

fice cannot be found for rent or sale. Say! do you know that there is a constant stream of people leaving Vinita? Persons who come and look around and are not given an opportunity to purchase, in fact everybody refuses to sell. Do you know that there are more than five hundred vacant resident lots within the city limits, and less than half a dozen of them for sale? Men who have not been in Vinita one month are contributing money to the railroad bonus, and would subscribe a percent of their property if they could get some one to sell them some property. The situation is becoming dangerous and threatens to swamp the place present and future. People who want lots upon which to build homes must have them. This outward flow must stop or there is going to be trouble.

OH HOW CLEAN.

If the utterances of the Muskogee Phoenix represent the views of the Dawes Commission, a fight for time has evidently been started. A labored defense of the tardiness of the Commission is attempted. J. Blair Shoenfelt is lauded to the skies. One paragraph reads thus: "Hon. J. Blair Shoenfelt, agent for these 80,000 citizens, clothed with powers never before conferred on a government official, exempt by act of Congress from writ or process of any court." Why print such nonsense? Does Bixby or Shoenfelt, or J. George Wright, who has not been on duty for nearly a year, inspire such statements? Is it necessary to defend these gentlemen? Must their official organ tear its hair and tured in the face when they are not charged with crookedness or hoodling? Where are Zevely, and Wright and Bixby? The first named has resigned the tremendous responsibilities reposed in his spotless hands. Wright has not been on duty guarding the millions in his hands for many months and perhaps never will take up the work again, and Bixby has been in Washington for the last week struggling for a continuation of existence as chairman of the greatest, the ablest, the most over-worked and overrated commission on the face of the whole earth. The trouble has evidently begun and the country will watch with interest the developments that now begin to take shape. "We shall see what, we shall see."

Yellow Dog Politics.

In an address to the Oklahoma Press Association not long ago Jake Admire made the following pungent remarks as to yellow dog journalism. We consider it well worth reprinting:

"I pause to declare, here and now, that I shall halt the day. If I live to see it, when a newspaper which openly proclaims its unchangeable devotion to a political party, whether it be in the right or in the wrong, will not be tolerated in an American community. That day is coming. This class of newspapers is rapidly becoming a strength in the nostrils of decency and common honesty."

It has been a common boast for men to declare that they have never scratched their ticket—that they would vote for a yellow dog if he had received the endorsement of the party for a public office. Such a boast no doubt makes the devil blush. I have known party tickets to be made up, not by the honest voters but by party fixers and shameless party machinery, which decent, self-respecting voters would have been justified in daubing from top to bottom with offal from the gutter. The yellow dog in politics is propagated, reared and educated by political parties. He is not all of one party. He is the product of the infernal demand that the party must, under all circumstances, be supported and upheld. I do not teach party insubordination. I believe that deliberate party judgment, as a rule should be paramount. But I do not believe that the honest voter should shut his eyes and blindly follow wherever the party leads without regard to results. There occasionally comes a time when intelligence, honesty, conscience and manhood justify

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prompt and unyielding rebellion. When it once becomes an established fact that the yellow dog will not be tolerated as a party leader his odious presence in high places will become a thing of the past."

Chelsea Notes

Mrs. Rue McSpadden is visiting in Ft. Gibson.

Miss May Wilson returned Tuesday from a two months visit with Mrs. Sanders at Vian.

A. C. Raymond and wife spent the day in the city Tuesday.

N. N. Jordan, the Insurance man is here this week in the interest of his company.

L. W. Marks was here from Vinita the first of the week.

Mr. Howell and bride came in from Little Rock Monday and are at home to their many friends at the Fisher Hotel.

Miss Halle Thompson was here Tuesday in the interest of the Chieftain.

Mrs. Lee Barrett and children are visiting Mrs. Kell and W. H. Clark for a few days.

The Juveniles will give their annual Orchard Party Friday. Of course it will be a success for the Juveniles have that kind of a reputation.

Mr. H. M. Adams and family left Sunday for Coffeyville where Mrs. Adams will remain for a while until Mr. Adams gets settled in Mexico.

The box supper given Tuesday evening by the W. C. T. U. was well attended and a neat little sum realized.

Mrs. H. H. Lindley's uncle and aunt from Oklahoma are here this week.

Several of the court officials of Vinita spent a portion of the week in our city.

Mrs. Scott of Pueblo, Col. is here for the summer with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Culp.

Big Cabin Items.

There will be preaching here next Sunday.

Mrs. Baker has been visiting Mrs. Trout this week.

Mr. Ballenger moved to his new home Tuesday.

We are having plenty of rain—and blue people.

Harve Cecil will soon occupy the Fraternal Aid building.

There was singing at Mr. Clevenger's Saturday eve.

The Woodmen have postponed the unveiling until the 28th of June, on account of the monument not being finished.

Grandpa Prather bought the Dr. Day property here, and will move soon.

Dr. Day will move to Spavinaw as soon as the weather will permit.

There will be a box supper given Tuesday evening, funds to be used to fence the grave yard.

Martin McDaniel and Geo. Clevenger have been having a good deal of the railroad trade.

Dr. McDaniel and brother made a business trip to Alva, also to Vinita, since last report. They will put in a stock of drugs here.

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Mr. Gambill's goods are expected in this week. He will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Ballinger.

The town is quite lively now, in railroad and business circles, ninety three men are here working on the railroad.

Mr. Brown and family have returned from their trip. Mr. Brown is some improved in health. H. daughter Cora, at Tablequah, has the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirk and children are here on a visit with Geo. Clevenger. Mrs. Kirk is a sister of Mr. Clevenger.

Mr. Charles Jenkins, brother of our druggist, Clyde Jenkins, and the so-called champion checker player of Welch, brought his board and came down last week to play Charles Higginbotham of our town. Mr. Higginbotham, after winning ten straight games, inquired of Mr. Jenkins if there was any other game that he thought he could play.

PROPERLY INDIGNANT.

A Mystery of the Poker Game That Had No Attraction for an Uninitiated Woman.

It was just a little amateur poker party, and he was initiating her into the mysteries of the game. It wasn't really allowable, of course, but it was only "for fun," and she appealed to him with great frequency to know what to do. During the lesson the stakes were toothpicks and matches; later they intended to try penny ante, but they never got to that stage, says Elliott Flower, in the Brooklyn Eagle. "What shall I do now?" she asked. "Better straddle the blind," he replied, thoughtlessly. Her face grew red and her eyes flashed. "Sir!" she cried. "Oh, that's all right," several of the others hastened to explain. "I assure you," he said, maliciously, "it's not at all unusual in poker." "Then I don't want to play poker!" she exclaimed, throwing her cards on the table. "You don't understand," they all urged. "You see," he tried to explain, "the blind—" "Oh, I know, I know," she interrupted. "The blind isn't a shutter or anything of that sort; it's something entirely different in poker, but you needn't try to explain it to me, I don't care what it is—I don't care if it is a bicycle—I won't do it, so there now." And thus it happened that they never got to the penny ante stage.

Was Wasting Away

The following letter from Robert R. Waltham of Salem, Mo., is instructive. "I have been troubled with kidney disease for the last five years. I lost flesh and never felt well and doctored with leading physicians and tried all remedies suggested without relief. Finally I tried Foley's Kidney Cure and less than two bottles completely cured me and now I am sound and well." For sale by Sussanah and Mitchell.

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